

## HOLD CONVENTION IN GORDONSVILLE

First Session of the Bi-County  
Convention of the W. C. T. U.  
a Great Success.

### MRS. WEECH'S FINE TALK

Gordonsville People Never Heard  
from a Woman a Finer Address  
Than She Delivered.

GORDONSVILLE, VA., April 6.—The first bi-county convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Albemarle and Orange was held on Wednesday, April 3d, in the Gordonsville Christian Church. The convention was called to order by the president, Mrs. William C. Payne, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. J. Hall. The president appointed the following committees:

Credentials—Misses Bell Martin and Frances Morrow.  
Countesses—Mrs. R. R. Powell and Miss Clara Martin.  
Resolutions—Mrs. Homer Richey and Miss Josephine Cox.

Miss Ellen Moore was appointed page. A motion was made and carried that Mrs. Amy C. Weech, of Alexandria, State secretary of the Young Woman's Branch, and Rev. W. J. Hall, pastor of the Christian Church, be made members of the convention with privileges of the floor. After an earnest address by the president and the report of the treasurer, interesting papers were read by the following young ladies: On medical contests, Miss Clara Martin; flower mission work, Miss Ethel Wingfield; literature, Miss Maude Groover; on finance, Miss Edna Bailey.

Rev. W. J. Hall read a striking newspaper article on the saloon, and made some encouraging remarks to the convention, after which Mrs. Weech and Mrs. Richey discussed the importance of beginning temperance work among the children and organizing them into the Loyal Temperance Legion.

Officers of the Union.  
Mrs. T. M. Broadus, of Gordonsville, resigned the office of recording secretary, and Mrs. Homer Richey, of Charlottesville, was elected to fill the vacancy. The president, Mrs. William C. Payne; Vice-President at large, Miss Clara W. Martin; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Homer C. Richey; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lizzie Gleason; Treasurer, Miss Edna Bailey.

At 5 o'clock the convention adjourned its afternoon session. The Christian Church was crowded Wednesday evening with the largest number of persons ever assembled at a temperance meeting in Gordonsville, and the cause has, no doubt, received fresh impetus by this convention of devoted women of Albemarle and Orange counties.

The meeting was opened by devotional exercises, conducted by Rev. W. J. Dearling, of the Baptist Church, after which Miss Esther Goodwin sang a solo. Next in order were the addresses of welcome. Rev. W. J. Hall gave a most hearty welcome on behalf of the churches, and Mrs. R. R. Powell for the W. C. T. U. Mrs. W. C. Payne responded in her usual graceful manner.

The following representatives of the Gordonsville Loyal Temperance Legion favored the convention with appropriate resolutions: Misses Ellen Moore, Mabel Martin, Pauline Jordan and Mary Lou Bailey. All of these girls reflected much credit on the ladies who had given them their training.

**Mrs. Weech Speaks.**  
Mrs. Amy Weech, State "Y" secretary, was the chief speaker of the evening, and she held the attention of her audience from the start. Here was probably the best address by a woman ever heard by a Gordonsville audience, and her clear, sweet voice and decidedly womanly manner did much to add to the impressiveness of the great truths of temperance and purity which she so earnestly set forth.

After Mrs. Weech's address the report of the Resolutions Committee was read by Miss Josephine Cox and adopted by the convention. A solo and chorus was rendered by Mrs. McAlexander and the local choir, and the convention was adjourned after a prayer by Rev. W. J. Hall.

The visiting delegates were greatly pleased with the hospitality and interest shown by the Gordonsville people, and they feel that much of the success of the convention was due to the untiring efforts of Mrs. R. R. Powell, the faithful and energetic president of the Gordonsville W. C. T. U.

### MUST HAVE PERMITS.

#### Some Manufacturers of Denatured Alcohol Liable to Prosecution.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6.—In a communication from the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to Collector B. D. Crocker, of Tacoma, the commissioner lays down the inflexible rule that denatured alcohol found on the premises of dealers or manufacturers who fail to obtain permits or to keep the required records, is to be seized, and such cases are to be reported to the United States District Attorney for prosecution. The collector at Tacoma reports the failure of certain dealers in denatured alcohol in his district to make the returns, as required by the regulations of the Bureau of Internal Revenue on the subject, and that one firm has failed to obtain permits for branch establishments, but has consigned to these branches denatured alcohol for sale.

In a communication to Collector William McCooch, of the First District, Philadelphia, Commissioner Yerkes authorizes a formula for a special denaturant for use in embalming fluids. This is the formula: "To one hundred gallons of ethyl alcohol shall be added five gallons of approved wood alcohol."

#### To Push Rice Sales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 6.—The directors of the Rice Association of America held an important meeting at Crowley, La., recently, there being a large attendance from Louisiana and Texas points. Among other matters of importance taken up was one of devising ways and means to increase the consumption of rice. It was decided to send out a number of lecturers throughout the North and East to set forth the food value of rice and its cheapness compared to any other food.

#### Forethought.

A man went home the other night and found his house locked up. After inquiring about the matter, he found that the door had been locked by a woman who had been in the house. He then discovered on the table a note from his very thoughtful wife, reading: "I have gone out. You may find the key on the side of the step."—Teller.

Forwarding charges prepaid on all  
Cash Orders of \$5 and over from the  
Virginias and Carolinas.

# Miller & Rhoads

An expert teacher of Art Needle-  
work in all its branches will give Free  
Instruction every day this week in our  
Art Needlework Department.

## New Silks and Dress Goods

### The Leading Store of the South in These Departments

For many years this house has had cause to be proud of its Dress Goods and Silk Departments.

If success is attained by constant, persistent effort to anticipate people's wants, the season of 1907 will see the greatest spring business in our history.

The largest, and we believe the finest, assortment of Silks and Dress Goods ever shown in Richmond can now be seen in this store.

The styles are more varied than we have ever carried—the quantities greater, and, taken altogether, better values are being given you than ever before, and that's saying a great deal, for, as you know from past experience, our store has always been noted for a "square deal" in this respect.

Take, for an example, the matter of silks this season. Silks are more in favor than they have been for a long time past. Raw Silk has advanced from \$4 to \$6 per pound during the past year, yet notwithstanding this fact not a price has been raised on a piece of silk in this department.

We bought silks before the rise, and, according to our policy, you get the benefit of the low price.

#### Silks

Silks are being used for many different purposes. We have them in great variety at reasonable prices, and never have our sales been heavier.

Silks for Dresses, Coats, Waists, Wrappers, Petticoats, Linings, etc.

Colored Taffetas, 59c yard.

In both plain and glaze; 60 different colorings.

Cream Japanese Silks, 25c to \$1.25 yard.

Extra good values at any price we have. Big assortment of these beautiful goods.

Corded Wash Silks, 35c yard.

Khaki Silks, 48c yard.

In checks and plaids; very soft and lustrous.

Black Corded Wash Silks, 39c yd.

35-inch Black Taffeta, \$1 yard.

Novelty Taffetas, \$1 yard.

Stripes, plaids and checks.

Dotted Pongees, 39c, 59c and \$1 yard.

Tan grounds, with brown dots and spots.

Plaid and Checked Taffetas, 75c yard.

Striped and Checked Louisines, 50c yard.

#### Colored Dress Goods

\$1.50 Embroidered Voiles, \$1 yd.

By a fortunate purchase we secured this small lot from an importer who had sold them all season to the retailer at \$1.25 yard. The colors are champagne, tan, brown and gray.

French Voiles, \$1 yard.

42 inches wide, in brown, navy, tan, champagne and gray.

Plaid Voiles, \$1.25 yard.

42 inches wide, in beautiful spring colorings.

Plaid Mohairs, \$1 yard.

42 inches wide, in up-to-date color combinations.

Checked and Striped Serges, \$1 yd.

44 inches wide, in the latest styles, such as cream grounds with black line checks and stripes.

Novelty Spring Suitings, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2 yard.

Panama Cloths, 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 yard.

Novelty Plaid Suitings, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yard.

\$1 and \$1.25 Novelty Suitings, 60c yard.

In light-weight sheer silk and wool effects.

#### Cream Dress Goods

The demand for Cream Dress Goods this season has been very great, but, foregoing this great demand we succeeded in supplying ourselves with the best sellers before they became scarce and hard to obtain, and at prices which we could not duplicate today.

All-Wool Cream Batiste, 20c yard.

All-Wool Cream Voile, 39c yard.

All-Wool Cream Albatross, 39c yd.

Cream Twine Voile, 60c yard.

Cream Crepe de Paris, 59c yard.

Cream Panama, 59c yard.

All wool, 38 inches wide.

Cream French Voile, \$1 yard.

Cream Nua's Veiling, 85c yard.

Cream French Serge, \$1 yard.

Cream Storm Serge, \$1 yard.

Cream Plaid Serge, \$1.50 yard.

Cream Marquisette, \$1.50 yard.

Cream Sicilian, 59c yard.

Cream Poplin, 75c yard.

Cream Plaid Marquisette, \$1.50 yard.

Cream Striped Novelty, \$2 yard.

\$1 Cream Suitings, 60c yard.

In light-weight silk and wool effects.

## Desirable White Goods

### Big Bargains for the Coming Week

We're crowded with especially good things in this department, and we're going to turn them over to you during this week. Some of these goods were bought at a concession in price; others are the back orders just coming in that were placed months ago before the great advance in the prices of cottons. All new, desirable, this season's White Goods.

Dimity Checks—		Persian Lawns—	
12 1-2c value for	17c value for	12 1-2c value for	16c value for
10 Cents	12 1-2 Cents	10 Cents	12 1-2 Cents
Yard.	Yard.	Yard.	Yard.
Sheer Organdies, checks and plaids, 25c value, for, per yard.....		Linen-Thread Cambric—	
15c		39c value for	
White Poplins and Heavy Ottoman Cords, 25c value, for, per yard.....		25 Cents	
12 1/2c		33 Cents	
Fine Mercerized Madras, soft finish, would be a good value at 19c; now, per yard.....		Long Cloth and Lady Cloth—	
15c		King Philip Mills fabrics—	
40-inch White Lawns—		\$1.50	
12 1-2c value, 10c yard.		Long Cloth	
16c value, 12 1-2c yard.		\$1.25	
20c value, 15 yard.		Piece.	
White Dotted Swiss, pin dots and three larger sizes, 25c value; per yard.....		\$2 Long Cloth	
17c		\$1.75	
		Piece.	
		\$2 Lady Cloth	
		for	
		\$1.75	
		Piece.	

## White Plaid Sheer Linen, 50c Yard

### Something We Can't Buy To-Day to Sell Under 75c Yard

Plaids, and especially sheer plaids, are the most sought after of all white fabrics this season.

We have a limited quantity of all linen, sheer plaids, in three patterns, 26 inches wide. We can't buy any more of them to sell at 50c.

## Egyptian Muslin 48 inches wide, 39c and 50c yd

This cloth, imported by us, is without doubt the prettiest soft, silky White Goods we have ever seen at the prices. Highly mercerized, 39c and 50c yard.

## White French Lawns, 45 inches wide

### Special Values, 15c, 25c, 35c yard.

Special, because we nor any one else can buy them to-day to retail for less than 25c, 35c and 50c a yard, respectively. Our order was placed in the spring of 1906—"Twas a long time to look ahead, but that much of a saving to you.

## All Pure Linen Huck Towels \$2.75 doz.

Some hemstitched, others plain hem, all white and pure linen. We have these same Towels on import order for fall, and the price will then be \$3.50 a dozen, owing to the advance in the price of linen.

Our present supply was bought at the old figures.

50 dozen to-morrow, \$2.75 per dozen.

## Demonstration and Sale of "Gossard" and "L'Irresistible" Lace-in-Front

### Corsets

"Gossard" and "L'Irresistible" Corsets are now recognized as among the best in the world.

The single fact that they lace in front gives them an advantage possessed by no other Corset in use.

They represent the finest workmanship in the world.

Gossard and L'Irresistible Corsets model the hips to the lines of youth, support the back and abdomen, give freedom to the stomach, allow of EASY BREATHING and give a decided grace to the wearer.

Beginning to-morrow morning, we will have with us for two weeks an expert Corsetiere, a personal representative of the makers of these famous Corsets, who will explain in detail all the points of superiority possessed by "Gossard" and "L'Irresistible" over other makes.

Prices range from \$5 upwards.

## New China Mattings Just Arrived

Fresh, new goods in perfect condition—always bear in mind that nothing else is ever put on sale.

Mattings damaged by sea water and sold as "seconds" will not very easily.

We ordered these goods months ago, and our prices are lower now than they'll likely be for the same grades on reorder.

Plaids, Checks and Pin Stripes, 25c, 30c and 35c yard.

Jap Mattings, in Carpets and Inlaid patterns, 30c, 33c, 35c yard.

FIBRE RUGS make one of the best floor coverings for summer that you can get—perfectly sanitary—bound to be so from the nature of the fabric—easily cleaned.

65c for the small Mats, up to \$16.50 for the 12x15 feet Rugs.

## Pretty Curtains for Summer

Light weight summery effects, beautiful designs, low prices—a combination that is very fetching.

Snowflake Curtains, all colors, \$1.50 to \$2.50 pair.

Madras Curtains, 3 yards long, all colors, 75c and \$1 pair.

French Net Curtains, renaissance edge, large motif in corner; special price \$3.50 pair.

Net Curtains, flat and ruffled, \$1.50 to \$5 pair.

Bamboo Portieres, in pretty colorings, 3 yards long, 42 inches wide, \$1 to \$1.75 each.

Rice Head Portieres, all colors, \$1.75.

## Notions: A Sale at Special Prices, Feather Stitch Braid

We secured a concession of fifty per cent. in price from a manufacturer of FEATHER-STITCH BRAID who was retiring from this particular line of goods.

For three days—if the Braid is not sold before that time—we'll offer 10c and 12 1-2c values at 6c per piece, and 15c and 20c values at 10c per piece. Six yards in each piece.

In connection with the Feather Stitch Braid we'll also offer the following desirable articles in notions at special prices for three days only.

De Long's Hooks and Eyes, 7c card.	Kleinert's Feather Weight Dress Shields, nainsook covered, regular price 25c; special, 17c pair.	Special lot of Nickel Thimbles, 2c each.
Felicity Hooks and Eyes, with one dozen extra loops to card, 3c card.	Smith & Crowley's Standard Sewing Needles, special, 3c paper.	Federbaken Hooks and Eyes, all sizes, in black and white, 3c value; special 1c card.
Warren's Gros-Grain Covered Featherbone, special, 79c box.	All standard makes of machine needles; special 3c paper.	Special lot of Ladies' and Children's Pin-On Hose Supporters, in all colors, regular 13c value, 10c pair.
Warren's Taffeta Covered Col-larbone, black and white; special, 10c yard.	Dressing Pins, 400 to paper; special 2 papers for 5c.	Special lot of Plain and Persian Ribbon Sew-On Hose Supporters, 50c value, 25c; \$1 values, 50c.
Special lot of Lingerie Dress Shields, regular 25c value; special, 15c pair.	King's 200-yard Spool Cotton, 3 spools for 5c.	Special value in White Polish for cleaning white shoes, 5c bottle.
	Dressmakers', 60-inch Tape Measures, 5c value, special 2c each.	

## New Embroideries: Prices One Third to One Half Less Than Usual: A Big Sale

Match Sets of Cambric, Swiss, Batiste, Mull and Nainsook, in Insertions, Waistbands, Corset Covers and Flouncings, ranging in widths from 2 to 20 inches.

One of those peculiar turns in fortune's wheel that sometimes comes in business enables us to offer you new and pretty patterns from thirty-three and a third to fifty per cent. under price.

We've divided the Embroideries into different lots, most of which will be on tables in the centre aisle.

To really appreciate the wonderfully good values in the assortment, you'll have to examine each lot.

Price, yd	5c	7c	10c	12 1/2c	15c	19c	25c	35c	44c	65c	69c
Value	8c	12	1-2c	15c	19c	25c	29c	39c	50c	59c	79c
	\$1										

### Dinner Sets

Unusually Good Values at \$8.89 This Price

A crockery salesman for a big wholesale concern said yesterday that he couldn't sell dinner sets like them to retail at any such low price.

Porcelain Sets, 100 pieces, extra large size, floral and gold decorations. One of the best values we've had in the house for a long time.

Porcelain Dinner Sets, 100 pieces, extra large size, beautiful border patterns, \$10.80.

## New Suits: By All Means Look at Our Line of Exclusive Novelties

Our entire assortment for this season is now here—only one dress of each kind, and shown exclusively by us.

Chiffon Panamas, Plain Panamas, Voiles and Fancy Check Worsteds, in lavender, brown and white stripes, green tints and pastel shades.

The prices range from \$31.50 to \$75. We've never had such a collection of handsome dresses in the house. We'll mention a couple of them this morning to give you an idea as to what we have.

French Voile Novelty Suits, in black, navy and tan; Elton Coat lined with taffeta, plaited in Gibson effect; the collar, cuffs, front and around the bottom stitched with taffeta and silk braid; skirt stitched to below the hips forming box plaits, stitched taffeta folds on panels.....	\$31.50
Novelty Suits of fancy Herringbone Panama, in two shades of brown; Elton jacket kimono sleeve; jacket lined throughout with peau de cygne; has wide stitched strappings piped with brown silk, fancy gilt buttons; skirt plaited and stitched below the hips, fold around the bottom piped to match the coat.....	\$35.50

## Street Suits: Chiffon Panama and Fancy Worsteds

The Chiffon Panama Suits are of black and bright blue, cadet style coat; straps in the back, long sleeves, long roll collar, three buttons, slightly cutaway; coat lined with peau de cygne; vest of white pique, plaited skirt.....	\$28.50
The Fancy Worsteds are in navy blue, with white hairline stripes. Four-button cutaway style, lined with taffeta, long sleeves, outside pockets, Prince Chap back, plaited skirt.....	\$29.50

## Two Good Values in Silk Suits

The new shade of peach brown is very popular this season. We're showing some especially attractive chiffon taffeta suits in this beautiful shade.

Elton Coat lined throughout with satin, cuffs and collar of white taffeta, trimmed with silk braid, strapping of silk braid over the shoulders and down the front and back; plaited skirt, stitched below the hips; sizes 34 to 40; good value.....

\$27.50

Givenand Taffeta is the best grade sold. Very pretty Elton Suits of this well-known silk—the jacket being of allover open work, trimmed with silk soutache braid, lined with taffeta, full plaited skirt; blue and black; sizes to 38. Price.....

\$31.50

Jumpers Taffeta and Voile, black only; embroidered over the shoulders. Very tastefully made; can be worn with any kind of skirt. The quality trimming and finish makes \$3.98 a low price for these articles.